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VS CRANDIDOS

POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
the
Seventh-Chapter

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TIGHTEN
ALL RIGHT! LET'S BEGIN!
I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO DO BATTLE FROM THE BOTH OF YOU!
LET'S BEGINN! BEGINN!
CHIRP-CHIRP!
CRASH!

TMP TMP TMP
AND SO BEGINS MISSY AND PIPLUP'S SPECIAL TRAINING!
WHISTLING...
IT'S ROARK!!
I'M BACK!
SORRY FOR LEAVING THE COAL MINING TO YOU GUYS ALL THIS TIME...
RUSH!
SO, HOW'D IT GO?
THUD
I HAD SO MUCH FUN EXPLORING THE UNDER-GROUND WITH "GRANDPA UNDERGROUND".
WE SPENT SO LONG DIGGING THAT I ALMOST COULDN'T STOP! I COMPLETELY FORGOT THE TIME...
SKULL FOSSIL
ARMOR FOSSIL
CLAW FOSSIL
JAW FOSSIL
HOME FOSSIL
HUMP FOSSIL
HUMPH...

THESE THINGS AREN'T THE REASON I CAME BACK LATE THOUGH...
I WAS LATE BECAUSE I DROPPED BY CAVALIVE CITY ON MY WAY BACK!
HUH? SO YOU MET UP WITH NOT JUST YOUR GRANDFATHER, BUT YOUR FATHER AS WELL?
YES, HE SAID HE HAD SOMETHING TO TELL ME. SO I MADE A DETOUR. HE SURE IS A BUSY PERSON, ALL RIGHT.
HMM?
AND WHO IS THIS LADY HERE?
AH! WELL, MY BAD, ROARK! THIS MISSY HERE WISHES TO TAKE ON THE GYM CHALLENGE!
I SEE! SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING! ARE YOU ON A JOURNEY?
YES!
IS IT ALL RIGHT IF WE HOLD THE CHALLENGE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?
YES!
GREAT! JUST COME FIND ME WHENEVER YOU'RE READY!
OKAY!
DAY AFTER TOMORROW, HUH?
THUNK
THUNK
AH! THERE YOU ARE!
FOUND YOU GUYS AT LAST!

PIPLUP TRIED TO PROTECT MISSY, BUT SHE WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH.
IN ORDER TO REGAIN HER CONFIDENCE AND SELF-RESPECT, SHE HAS DECIDED TO CHALLENGE ROARK, THE GYM LEADER OF OREBURGH CITY.
WELL... EVEN SO, PEARL...
ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD BE THE ONES TRAINING HER?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANY COMBAT SKILLS WE CAN TEACH HER...
YES, BUT DR... NO, I MEAN DIAMOND!
DID YOU SEE THAT FIERCE DETERMINATION TO WIN THE GYM CHALLENGE IN PIPLUP'S EYES YESTERDAY?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST A POKÉMON WHO WAS NEEDLESSLY PROUD, BUT MAN, THOSE EYES SENT A CHILL UP MY SPINE!
IF YOU ASK ME...
...ALL SHE LACKS IS SHEER WILLPOWER TO SUCCEED!
TO ME, EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH ONE'S WILLPOWER!
GULP

THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO HELP THEM!
I'M GONNA MAKE PIPLUP GAIN ENOUGH WILLPOWER TO WIN THE GYM CHALLENGE AT ALL COSTS!!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, MISS!! KEEP GOING!
BUBBLE BUBBLE
"BUBBLE"!!
AVOID THE OPPONENT'S ATTACK QUICKLY AND MOVE BEHIND HIM!
POOF
STAB
"PECK"!!

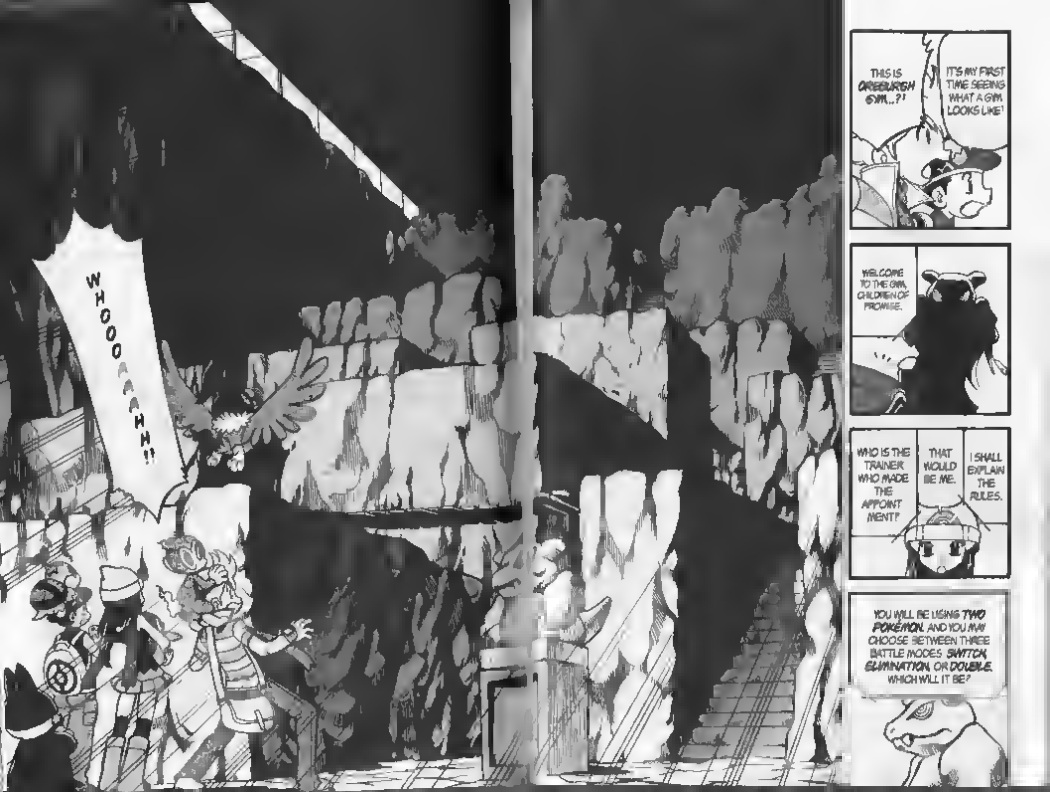
GOOD JOB!
OH, AND DIA! MISS!! MAY BE A REGULAR DAMSEL IN DISTRESS, BUT HER KNOWLEDGE IS NOTHING TO BE SCOFFED AT! SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT HER!
RIGHT?
YES!
FIRE IS STRONG AGAINST GRASS, GRASS IS STRONG AGAINST WATER, WATER IS STRONG AGAINST FIRE! THESE ARE THE TYPE COMPATIBILITIES!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
I'VE BEEN READING A LOT OF DIFFERENT BOOKS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE MY KNOWLEDGE. AT LEAST 10 BOOKS A DAY!
Dr. ARB
WHOA... IT ONLY TAKES THREE LINES OF TEXT TO HYPNOTIZE ME INTO DREAMLAND...
BUT WHAT ONE READS FROM BOOKS...
...AND WHAT ONE EXPERIENCES IN REAL LIFE IS JUST SO DIFFERENT!
RIGHT!! TURTWIG WILL BE YOUR NEXT SQUIRMING PARTNER!
EEH ...?!
DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS?
OF COURSE!!! IT'S NOT A TRAINING SESSION IF SHE ONLY BATTLES CHIMCHO, YINOH!
YOU ARE TO BECOME THE IMAGINARY GYM LEADER, ROARK!
EEH?!
HURRY UP! PIPLUP'S WAITING!!
EEH?!
PUT THE FOOD DOWN, KUSSHI!
EEH?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ANSSY? DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A BREAK?
NO...!
IF THIS HELPS PIPLUP REGAIN HER SELF-RESPECT, THEN...!
THESE TOP-CLASS PROFESSIONALS ARE TAKING TIME OUT TO TRAIN AN AMATEUR LIKE ME... THIS IS PURE BLISS
I MUST DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE! AND BESIDES...

THAT'S ALL THE INFORMATION WE'LL NEED
I NEED A BREATHER. LET'S HAVE THE RED BEAN DUMPLINGS THAT'S IN THE REFRIGERATOR!
ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR ROWAN.
OH, BY THE WAY, WHERE ABOUTS IS YOUR DAUGHTER NOW?
CHOMP CHOMP
HASN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA, REALLY...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M NOT ALL THAT WORRIED.
IT'S NATURAL FOR A GIRL OF HER AGE TO FEEL CURIOUS ABOUT PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING... I'M SURE SHE'D WANT TO TRY OUT AS MANY THINGS AS SHE CAN IN THE COURSE OF HER JOURNEY.
...BUT I DID TELL HER TO ACCEDE TO THE JUDGMENT OF HER TWO BODYGUARDS BEFORE SHE DOES ANYTHING...
IF THEY ARE OKAY WITH IT, THEN SHE'S FREE TO PROCEED. IF THEY FEEL THAT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS, THEN SHE HAS TO STOP.
I SEE.
ALL RIGHT? I'M READY TO SET OFF ANYTIME WHAT ABOUT YOU?
POUR
READY WHEN YOU ARE. LET'S GO, PROFESSOR!
THAT'S AN EXCELLENT PIECE OF ADVICE.
ARE YOU GOING TO EAT THIS?
PANJAMO WANT...

THE ACADEMY CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD AT CANALAVE CITY!
THAT'S RIGHT
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON,
THINKING OF POKÉMON MAKES ME THINK OF THE GYM CHALLENGES IN THE DIFFERENT CITIES!
YOU DON'T SAY!
DID YOU KNOW THAT EACH GYM LEADER HAS THEIR VERY OWN UNIQUE TITLE?
ROARK'S TITLE IS "ROARK THE ROCK"! HA! COOL!!
"ROCK" AS IN THE TYPE OF POKÉMON HE'S GOOD WITH.
YOU DON'T SAY!
LOTS OF GYM LEADERS FOCUS ON ONLY ONE PARTICULAR TYPE OF POKÉMON, SO YOU COULD SAY THEY'RE SPECIALISTS!
YAHOO... I'D SAY!
IT'S TASTY!
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE ROWAP BERRY!!
THAT WOULD MEAN THEY'RE TOO SPECIALIZED TO KNOW ANYTHING ELSE...
YOU NEED SOME KIND OF SPECIAL HELP!!
SMACK

PFUP
PFUP
PFUP
MISSY'S REALLY GIVING HER ALL!
YEAH... SHE KEEPS TRAINING EVEN WHEN WE'RE PRACTICING OUR DOUBLE ACT!
LOOKS LIKE SHE JUST MIGHT COMPLETE THE TRAINING SCHEDULE I PASSED HER!
THE NEXT DAY
GROAAN


WHOOOAAHH!!
THIS IS CREEPIRISH GYM...?!
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING WHAT A GYM LOOKS LIKE!
WELCOME TO THE GYM, CHILDREN OF PROMISE.
WHO IS THE TRAINER WHO MADE THE APPOINTMENT?
THAT WOULD BE ME.
I SHALL EXPLAIN THE RULES.
YOU WILL BE USING TWO POKÉMON, AND YOU MAY CHOOSE BETWEEN THREE BATTLE MODES: SWITCH, ELIMINATION, OR DOUBLE. WHICH WILL IT BE?

I CHOOSE THE SWITCH BATTLE MODE!
VERY WELL.
PLEASE USE THE STAIRS OR HANGING BRIDGES TO MOVE DEEPER INTO THE GYM. ROARK IS IN THE INNERMOST CHAMBER.
ALL RIGHT.
I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT ROARK WON'T BE YOUR ONLY OPPONENT.
IF YOU MEET UP WITH ANY WAITING TRAINERS ALONG THE WAY YOU WILL HAVE TO DO BATTLE WITH THEM ON THE SPOT SO PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP
EEH!!
BOOM
KYAAH!!
IT SURE SOUNDS TOUGH, BUT WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
WHAT?
PIPLUP?
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
YOU'RE GOING TO USE "POUND"? YOU SHOULD USE "SUBDUE"!!
HMM?!

COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU GUYS ARE NOT CHALLENGERS... SO WHO ARE YOU?
WELL, WE'RE...
HER SECONDS! YKNOW, LIKE HER COACHES OR SOMETHING!
HMM... BUT IT WON'T BE A FAIR GYM MATCH IF YOU KEEP GIVING HER ADVICE SO...
...BUT YOU GO!" OH, AND IN THE VIN, FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE GYM!"
POOF
SHOOT... WHAT NOW, PEARL...?
WE'RE NOT GONNA SIT HERE FOREVER, IF THAT YOU'RE ASKING! C'MON. LET'S FIND A WAY TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE!!
PEARL, THESE ARE THE ONLY WINDOWS HERE. I THINK.
EXCELLENT! WE'LL CLIMB ON TOP OF EACH OTHER AND MAKE A PLATFORM. DIA, YOU DO THE PEEKING
EEH!
SHALLOW...
WHAT?
AH!
WOW, PEARL!!

MISSY'S MANAGED TO DEFEAT BOTH THE TRAINERS AND THE LABYRINTH...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
MY NAME IS...
...TO REACH ROARK! I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT...
ALL RIGHT.
LET US BEGIN!
CRANIDOS!!
PIPLUP!!
CRACKLE CRACKLE
GO!!!
CRACKLE

"SHOCK WAVE"!!
CRASH
CRASH
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING BY SENDING A *RHYDON-TYPE* IN RUST TO DEAL WITH CRANIDOS. AFTER ALL, I'M A *ROCK-TYPE* EXPERT!
BUT
YOUR STRATEGY MADE IT EASIER FOR ME TO COME UP WITH A *COUNTER-MEASURE*!
I DECIDED TO STRIKE FIRST BY ATTACKING YOUR PIPLUP WITH AN *ELECTRIC-TYPE* ATTACK.
LOOKS LIKE THE BATTLE IS ALREADY OVER.
LET'S SWITCH TO OUR OTHER POKÉMON FOR NOW CRANIDOS, RETURN!
SMACK
HE'S RIGHT... I WAS TRYING TO MAKE USE OF THEIR TYPE COMPATIBILITIES...
...BUT MY REAL MOTIVE FOR TAKING PART IN THE GYM CHALLENGE WAS TO TRY TO HELP PIPLUP SALVAGE HIS SELF-RESPECT...

EVERYTHING WILL BE IN VAIN...
...IF I DON'T USE FIRE UP TO WIN THE CHALLENGE !!
FIRE UP... I'LL HAVE TO SWITCH YOU OUT TEMPORARILY!
PUFF
LOOO

"STEALTH ROCK" IS A SKILL THAT AIMS NOT FOR THE POKÉMON THAT'S CURRENTLY IN THE BATTLEFIELD, BUT FOR THE POKÉMON THAT WILL BE SWITCHING IN NEXT!
BY OTHER WORDS...
HE'S AIMING FOR PIPLUP!
"SLAM"!!
THUMP
THUMP
THIS POKÉMON HAS ALREADY BEEN KNOCKED OUT!
YOU'LL HAVE TO SWITCH PIPLUP IN AGAIN!
WHAP!
BOOM
PIPLUP!!
BAM
BAM
BAM

FWAAGSH
CHIMS WHOOMED OUT BY A WATER-TYPE AT POINT BLANK RANGE! I CAN'T BE HELD!! I GUESS...
ONE MORE TIME
GRAAHHHH!!
BOOM
THUD
LET'S SEE IF YOUR PIPLUP CAN STAND ON HER OWN AGAINST MY CHANDOS...
...AFTER BEING HIT BY BOTH "SHOCK WAVE" AND "STEALTH ROCK"!!
DON'T GIVE UP, PIPLUP!!
KAYRE THE RANGER IS TERRIFIC AT TYPE COMPATIBILITY!
IS THAT SO?
TAP TAP TAP

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
"DOUBLE TEAM"!!
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
YOU MAY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE TYPE-WISE, BUT...
...IT'S USELESS IF YOU CAN'T HIT THE TARGET.
WHAT'S HAPPENING, DAD?
NOT GOOD! BOTH MISSY AND FIFLUP ARE AT THEIR WITS' END!
THINK THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE
DON'T YOU DARE LOSE THIS MATCH!!!
COME ON, MISSY... REMEMBER THE DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF ATTACK YOU WENT THROUGH IN THE TRAINING MENU!
TRY TO RECALL THAT COMBINATION
THE PENALTY FOR LOSING IS ONE MILLION DOLLARS, YOU GOT THAT?!
HEY, YOU TWO!
ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO MAKE AMENDS TO THE CHALLENGER...
OH NO... HE'S ANGRY AT US AGAIN...
ALL RIGHT, DAD...
LET'S PRACTICE OUR DOUBLE ACT HERE!
SIGH... LIKE THIS?
YES! LET'S DO IT!

W...WHEN YOU THINK OF PIKE-MON?
W...WHEN YOU THINK OF PIKE-MON...
GYM
POKÉMON HAVE LOTS OF DIFFERENT NAMES, DON'T THEY?
YOU DON'T SAY.
SO WHAT THAT YOU SOMETIMES MISTAKE ONE FOR THE OTHER, DON'T YOU?
THOSE LIKE DOUBLE MISTAKES...
IS THAT SO...
WELL LET'S PRACTICE SAYING AS MANY AS WE CAN IN QUICK SUCCESSION!!
RHYDON, GRAOUDON, GASTRODON, PORYGON, FLYGON, BASON, SHELGON!
HAUNTERS HAUNTING HAUNTED HAUNTS!
THE COMBUSKEN-COMBEE COMBINATION CONCLUDED THE CONTEST WITH A CONFOUNDING COMBO!

C-C-C-CONF-! YOU'RE CONFUSED!
CONFUSED..!!
PIPLUP!!
SLOSH
IT WON'T WORK!
CRAWDON!
LET'S FINISH THIS! MAKE YOURSELF IN "DOUBLE TEAM" MODE...
DASH
...AND LIKE "ZEN HEAD BUTT"!!

SCHHHUMP

!!!
CRAWLDOG!!
DIGDIG!
DIGDIG!
HE'S IN "CONFUSION"!!
AND IT'S MAKING HIM ATTACK HIMSELF!!
CRASH
WOBBLE WOBBLE
FLOP
I SEE... THIS MEANS...
I THOUGHT THAT BIG SPLASH JUST NOW WAS JUST A NORMAL ATTACK, BUT...
SPLASH
...IT WAS ACTUALLY "WATER PULSE", AN ATTACK WHICH ALSO HAS THE ADDITIONAL EFFECT OF THROWING THE OPPONENT INTO "CONFUSION"!!

BEEP
ROARK'S CHANIDOS HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT! THEREFORE, THE WINNER OF THIS MATCH IS...
T... THEY DID IT...
THUMP
WAH??!
THUMP
...THE CHALLENGER!
YOU REALLY SURPRISED ME THERE!
I HADN'T COUNTED ON CHANIDOS KNOCKING HIMSELF OUT AT ALL.
BUT A LOSS IS A LOSS, SO...
...HERE YOU GO! AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR ABILITIES...
...THE COAL BADGE!

OH! SO THIS GYM SYSTEM REWARDS THE WINNER WITH JEWELRY...
WHERE SHOULD I WEAR THIS...?
CONGRATU-LATIONS, PEARL!
THANK YOU
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S COMPLETELY REGAINED HER SELF-CONFIDENCE.
THAT'S GREAT.

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE HINT THE BOTH OF YOU GAVE ME DURING THE MATCH.
DON'T MENTION IT...
...
HEY, MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING...?
HOTEL
HMM?
WHEN I WAS BATTLING THE BOY IN SHORTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENTERING THE GYM, YOU SAID I SHOULD HAVE USED "BUBBLE" INSTEAD OF "POUND", RIGHT?
AH...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF YOU COULD TELL WHAT SKILL I WAS GOING TO USE! HOW DID YOU KNOW?
OH, YES... PEARL'S GREAT AT THAT!
HE CAN TELL WHAT SKILL THE POKÉMON IS GOING TO USE JUST BY WATCHING THEIR STANCES.
THEIR STANCES?
MORE OR LESS... I GUESS I WAS PROBABLY INFLUENCED BY MY FATHER!
YOUR FATHER?
HE'S BEEN AWAY FROM HOME A LOT SINCE I WAS VERY YOUNG SO I DON'T KNOW HIM ALL THAT WELL, BUT...
...SEEMS LIKE HE'S REALLY GOOD WITH POKÉMON BATTLES OR SOMETHING! I WROTE DOWN THAT TRAINING MENU FOR YOU WHILE THINKING ABOUT THAT, TOO...
REMEMBER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW.
WITH FATHER AND SON ARE BATTLE PROFESSIONALS!
AS TO BE EXPECTED FROM A RIDICULOUSLY HANDPICKED BY MY FATHER AND PROFESSOR ROWAN!
OH, RIGHT... I GUESS THERE WAS NO USE FOR IT IN THE GYM AFTER ALL...
NO USE FOR WHAT?
I HAVE IT ON HAND, SO I HAD IT PREPARED IN CASE I REALLY DID LOSE.
WHOOAA!!!
THE PENALTY FEE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
WHOA, PEARL... I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH MONEY IN MY LIFE...
I...I'M FEELING A BIT WOOZY... CAN'T KEEP MY BALANCE... GONNA GO BACK TO MY ROOM AND SLEEP IT OFF...
SIGH

PEARL MUST BE REALLY TIRED... I WAS STANDING ON HIS SHOULDERS THE WHOLE TIME DURING THE GYM BATTLE!
WHY DOES HE PUSH HIMSELF SO HARD...?
ZZZ...
PEARL NEVER GIVES UP UNTIL HE ACHIEVES WHAT HE HAS SET OUT TO DO!
...AND HE'D ALREADY DECIDED HE WAS GOING TO MAKE PIPLUP PROUD OF HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE, NO MATTER WHAT IT TOOK!
HIS DETERMINATION IS ROCK-SOLID!
THE ULTIMATE TOUGHNESS!
ADVENTURE MAP
OREBURGH CITY
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
TURTWIG
LAX
CHIMCHAR
CHAHIKO
PIPLUP
PONYTA